

HK-771 - Application No. 10/676,587  
Response to Office action November 6, 2009  
Response submitted March 4, 2010

Remarks/Arguments:

Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Claims 5-8 remain in the application. Claims 1 and 3 have been cancelled. Claims 2 and 4 were previously cancelled.

In item 7 on page 5 of the Office action, claims 1 and 3 have been rejected as being obvious over Decker et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,281,984 B1) (hereinafter "Decker") in view of Fischer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 7,057,765 B1) (hereinafter "Decker"), Rolleston et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,483,360) (hereinafter "Rolleston"), and Balasubramanian et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,744,534 B1) (hereinafter "Balasubramanian"), and Tsukada (U.S. Patent No. 5,774,238) under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Claims 1 and 3 have been cancelled so as to facilitate prosecution of the application. Therefore, the rejection has been overcome.

It is appreciatively noted from page 23 of the Office action that claims 5-8 are allowable.

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Since only allowable claims remain, the early issuance of a Notice of Allowance is solicited herewith.

In the event the Examiner should still find any of the claims to be unpatentable, counsel respectfully requests a telephone call so that, if possible, patentable language can be worked out.

If an extension of time for this paper is required, petition for extension is herewith made.

Petition for extension is herewith made. The extension fee for response within a period of one month pursuant to Section 1.136(a) in the amount of \$130 in accordance with Section 1.17 is enclosed herewith.

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Please charge any other fees which might be due with respect  
to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner  
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